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Serial No.: 09/492,954

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Group Art Unit: 1655

For: ASSAYS FOR EVALUATING THE FUNCTION OF RNA HELICASES

December 29, 2000

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

X Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.

X No additional fee is required, except for \$445.00 fee for a three-month extension of time.

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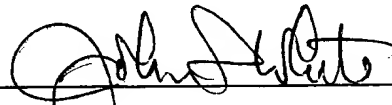
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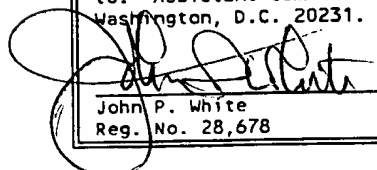
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 29, 2000 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the June 29, 2000 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 29, 2000 Office Action was originally due September 29, 2000. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from September 29, 2000 to December 29, 2000. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$445.00) and a check in that amount is enclosed. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Accordingly, a response to the June 29, 2000 Office Action is now due December 29, 2000 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

Please amend the specification under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.

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